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## Dear Interested Party:

This letter provides notification of a proposed administrative change to the Coronado National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan, revised 2018) to align it with the 2012 Planning Rule and invites you to submit comments during a 30 day comment period. The 2012 Planning Rule (36 CFR 219) requires that all forest plans follow the monitoring requirements of the 2012 Rule, regardless of which rule they were developed under. The 2018 revision of the Coronado Forest Plan was developed under the 1982 Rule provisions and as a result, must be brought in-line with the 2012 Rule monitoring requirements.

To fulfill that requirement, and to provide public involvement in changes to the monitoring strategy, we are requesting public review and comment on our proposal for this monitoring transition from monitoring management indicator species to focal species. The proposed changes are specified in the document "Coronado National Forest Monitoring Transition to Focal Species". This document is posted to the forest planning website at <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coronado/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fswdev7\_018702">https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coronado/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fswdev7\_018702</a> for public review and comment for 30 days. The comment period will end on September 11, 2019. This comment period is intended to provide interested and affected parties with an opportunity to offer input to inform the decision being made by the Responsible Official. Specifically, we would like to invite your comments regarding issues, opportunities, concerns, and/or suggestions for the proposed transition to focal species. Please make your comments as specific as possible.

Written comments, including attachments, may be submitted via mail, email, hand-delivery, express delivery or messenger service (Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to:

U.S. Forest Service, Coronado National

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Thank you for your interest and participation in the activities of the Coronado National Forest.

Sincerely,

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